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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Mobilization and Military Personnel Division : Agency Tour Extension of Officer SUBJECT It is requested that the Agency tour of Lt Colonel 25X1A be extended through June of 1965. Lt ncurs with this tour extension. command is involved on a most 25X1A direct and consistent basis with operations of the highest aational importance. The level of his responsibility is far greater than that associated with any USAF squadron with which I am familiar and requires an individual capable of working with the highest levels of Government in a controversial and rapidly changing environment. 25X1A 3. outstanding performance, as reflected in his most recent fitness report, has been greatly responsible for the exceptional results which his unit has been able to achieve. Further, his unit is faced with opera-25X1A tional procedures which are unique to the USAF system. For this reason, experience is, at this time, indispensable. Recognizing that we cannot rely on 25X1A 25X1A for an indefinite period of time, we are now in the process of obtaining a Deputy Commander for his unit and we have every expectation that this new officer will be capable 25X1A by June of 1965 to support an orderly transition and change of responsibility to a new commander. 4. In view of the exceedingly important endeavors to which is committed, it is requested that 25X1A every effort be exerted to effect his extension through June of 1965.

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